UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	Case No. 1:12-cr-00233-PLM
	)	
v.	)	Honorable Paul L. Maloney
	)	
YVONNE TOWNSEND,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to W.D. MICH. L.CR.R. 11.1, I conducted a plea hearing in the captioned case on October 9, 2012, after receiving the written consent of defendant and all counsel. At the hearing, defendant Yvonne Townsend entered a plea of guilty to the Felony Information in exchange for the undertakings made by the government in the written plea agreement. In the Felony Information, defendant is charged with food stamp fraud in violation of 7 U.S.C. § 2024(b)(1). On the basis of the record made at the hearing, I find that defendant is fully capable and competent to enter an informed plea; that the plea is made knowingly and with full understanding of each of the rights waived by defendant; that it is made voluntarily and free from any force, threats, or promises, apart from the promises in the plea agreement; that the defendant understands the nature of the charge and penalties provided by law; and that the plea has a sufficient basis in fact.

I therefore recommend that defendant's plea of guilty to the Felony Information be accepted, that the court adjudicate defendant guilty, and that the written plea agreement be

considered for acceptance at the time of sentencing. Acceptance of the plea, adjudication of guilt,

acceptance of the plea agreement, and imposition of sentence are specifically reserved for the district

judge.

Date: October 9, 2012   /s/ Ellen S. Carmody
                                                         ELLEN S. CARMODY
                                                         United States Magistrate Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES

       You have the right to de novo review of the foregoing findings by the district judge.
Any application for review must be in writing, must specify the portions of the findings or proceed-
ings objected to, and must be filed and served no later than14 days after the plea hearing. *See* W.D.
MICH. L.CR.R. 11.1(d).